

Presenting the 2008 North Central Association of Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Councils' Conference:

"Recharging RC&Ds through Renewable Energy"

> March 9-11, 2008 Radisson Plaza Hotel

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Hosted by the Minnesota Association of RC&D Councils





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REGISTRATION FORM

ADVANCED REGISTRATION DEADLINE – February 15, 2008 No Refunds After March 1, 2008

First Name:	Last Name:		
How name should appear on ba	ıdge:		
RC&D Council/Agency Name:			
Mailing Address:			
E-mail Address:	I	Phone: ()	
Please check here if yo conference. A representative fr		ce in order to fully participo tion of RC&Ds will contact	
Basic Full Registration Includes all sessions, entrance t 10 & 11, Lunch March 10 & 11			
Early Discount (Recei Regular (Received bet On-site Registration Indicate Monday Tour	ween 2/15-3/3/2008)	\$ 225.00 \$ 250.00 \$ 300.00	
After 3/3/2008 please reg	ister on-site at the conferen	nce registration table and d	lo <u>not</u> mail form
One-Day Registration Includes all sessions, breakfast one-day only. If you wish to at Registration above. (NOTE: I one-day registration. If you wish	tend the conference for mo Monday's Tour and Tuesda	re than one day, please sele y's Banquet tickets are not	ect <u>Basic Full</u> included in the
Monday March 10	Tuesday Mar	ch 11 \$ 125.00	
Spouse/Guest Meal & Tour T Monday Breakfast Monday Lunch Monday Tour Indicate Tour Preferen	\$ 20.00 \$ 20.00 \$ 15.00	Tuesday BreakfastTuesday LunchTuesday Awards Bang	\$ 20.00
TOTAL PAYMENT DUE		\$	
PLEASE MAIL completed for	ms with checks payable to:		

Prairie Country RC&D, 1005 High Ave NE, Willmar, MN 56201

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please make reservations on your own. Reservations may be made by calling Radisson Worldwide Reservations at 1-800-333-3333 or call the Radisson Plaza Hotel Rochester directly at (507) 281-8000 and mention the **RC&D Midwest Conference** to receive the discounted room rate of \$90 (single or double occupancy. All rates are subject to state and local taxes, currently at 11%). Guestroom blocks will be held until February 25, 2008. After this date, any rooms in the blocks that have not been reserved will be released. The Radisson Plaza Hotel will continue to take reservations as long as rooms are available. Special rates may not be available after February 25, 2008. A \$6.00/night parking charge will be added for all guests parking in the city parking ramp connected with the hotel.

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Sunday, March 9, 2008

Noon – 7:00 p.m. Registration and Check-in for Silent Auction Items

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibitor Set-up 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Welcome Reception 8:00 p.m. – Midnight Hospitality Room Open

Monday, March 10, 2008

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet - Galleria

7:00 a.m. – Noon Registration Open

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. General Session

Welcome - George Swentik, MARC&D President and Emcee

Presentation of Flags

Invocation - Rev. Ralph Peterson

Dennis Hanson, Rochester City Council President

Tim Pawlenty, Governor of Minnesota (*Invited*)

Tim Walz, Minnesota Congressman

Bill Hunt, Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist

NARC&DC President

Keynote Address – Mark Lindquist, Biofuels Program Manager, MN Dept. of Natural Resources Renewable Energy Overview

10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. Break - Galleria

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. USDA Panel on RC&D Renewable Energy Opportunities

Invited Panelists:

Natural Resources Conservation Service – Bill Hunt, State Conservationist

Farm Service Agency – Glenn Schafer, Conservation Programs

Rural Development – Lisa Noty, Rural Energy Coordinator

Forest Service – Susan LeVan-Green, Forest Products Laboratory

Agricultural Research Service – Jane Johnson, Soil Scientist

Noon – 5:00 p.m. Local Foods Boxed Lunch and Tours

Tour 1: ALTERNATIVE ENERGY. Tour of Faribault Energy Park with stops near Dodge Center at the wind generators and the ethanol plant near Claremont.

Tour 2: WASTE TO USE. Tour of the Olmsted County Waste to Energy center. The trip will also include a tour of the historic Mayowood Mansion and a stop at Assisi Heights to tour the facility and discuss their new environmentally friendly additions.

Tour 3: SPELUNKERS' SPECIAL. A trip to Mystery Cave State Park for a cave tour and sinkhole topography discussion. The return trip will feature a stop at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center and overview of 2007 area flooding events.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dinner on your own

7:00 p.m. – Midnight Hospitality Room Open



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Session 1 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

A. Productive Conservation on Working Lands

Presenter: Joe Domeier, Program Manager

B. The CERTs Model – Clean Energy Resource Teams

Presenter: Lissa Pawlisch, CERTs Coordinator

C. Sustainable RC&D Councils - Part I

Presenter: Donna Hunter, NARC&DC Director of Education

D. RC&D POINTS Reporting and Accountability (NRCS)

Presenter: Terry D'Addio, National RC&D Program Team Leader

Session 2 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

A. Sustainable RC&D Councils - Part II

Presenter: Donna Hunter, NARC&DC Director of Education

B. Carbon Crediting & the Chicago Climate Exchange Explained

Presenters: Dale Enerson and Ken Pazdernik

C. Cold-Pressed Canola – A Biodiesel Option

Presenter: Dr. Derek Crompton and Dr. Paul Porter

D. RC&D Area Planning Basics (NRCS)

Presenters: Sandy Chenal, Area Planning Cadre Member

Session 3 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

A. Micro-Gasification Technology & Biomass Fuel Testing Project

Presenters: Darren Schmidt, Energy & Environmental Research Center

B. Minnesota's Renewable Energy Legislation

Presenter: J. Drake Hamilton, Fresh-Energy

C. RC&D Contracting

Presenter: Donna Hunter, NARC&DC Director of Education

D. Recharge Your Marketing Tools

Presenter: Happy Micheau, Assistant, Giziibii RC&D

Lunch Keynote 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - John D. Howard, III, Chief Technical Officer, Coronal

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. North Central RC&D Business Meeting

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Coordinator Q&A Session with National staff

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Cash Bar Social and Live Auction

6:00 p.m. Silent Auction Ends

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Awards Banquet

8:00 p.m. Pay for and pick up silent auction items

8:00 p.m. – Midnight Hospitality Room Open



SILENT & LIVE AUCTION DETAILS

The Minnesota RC&Ds are planning to conduct a silent auction fundraiser at the conference and ask that each participating RC&D council in the region contribute items for the silent auction. A new and exciting feature this year will be a limited LIVE AUCTION component. Each state Association is asked to please bring a special item that will be put on the auction block for the event. Only these seven special items will be sold by the auctioneer.

Here is your chance to brag about the great things produced in your region! State Presidents will be asked to describe the item(s) or provide the background on the item(s) prior to the auction.

What Can be Donated?

You can donate anything you'd like. Examples of items to donate are gift baskets, product items, gift certificates, and much more.

Add Excitement to your Exhibit Booth and raise money for a good cause!

Exhibitors are also invited to donate a gift that can be auctioned silently during exhibit hours. Participating in the Silent Auction will build traffic at your booth. Attendees enjoy browsing items and placing bids plus it's a great opportunity to pull RC&D conference attendees into conversations and draw them to your display.

Questions on the Auctions?

Call Giziibii Resource Conservation & Development Council at 218.751.1942 X 5.



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As a 2008 North Central Resource Conservation and Development Conference participant, your company will be acknowledged in all of our conference publicity, which includes the conference program agenda and North Central newsletter (seven state area).

PARTNERSHIP LEVELS

GOLD	\$2,500	Includes one paid registration and GOLD sponsor recognition in all materials.
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SILVER \$1,500 Includes SILVER sponsor recognition in all program materials.

BRONZE \$1,000 Includes BRONZE sponsor recognition in all program materials.

SPONSORSHIP RATES

GENERAL SESSION SPONSORS

\$1,000

Signage at sponsored session and welcome speaker

Hospitality Room at the Radisson Plaza Hotel on March 10, 2008

Logo recognition on all conference promotional material

Premier exhibit in exhibit area.

MEAL AND BREAK SPONSOR

\$1,000

Meal sponsor recognition in all conference promotional materials

Welcome speaker at main meal functions

Signage in meal or break areas

Discounted exhibit space in exhibit area

RECEPTION/AWARDS BANQUET SPONSOR

\$750

Recognition in all conference promotional materials

Signage in banquet area

Discounted exhibit space in exhibit area

BREAKOUT SESSION SPONSOR

\$500

Recognition in all conference promotional materials

Recognition at beginning and end of breakout session

Discounted exhibit space in exhibit area

EXHIBITOR RATES

REGULAR	\$250
Non-Profit	\$100
RC&D COUNCIL	\$ 50

Each rate includes booth with 6' draped table and 2 chairs, and wireless internet. Electricity is an extra \$30.00 charge. Please contact the Prairie Country RC&D at (320) 231-0008 x 5, with any questions or special equipment needs.

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	General Session Sponsor	\$1,000.00		
	Reception & Awards Banquet Sponsor	\$1,000.00		
	Meal & Break Sponsor	\$ 750.00		
	Break-out Session Sponsor	\$ 500.00		
	GOLD Partner Sponsor	\$2,500.00		
	SILVER Partner Sponsor	\$1,500.00		
	BRONZE Partner Sponsor	\$1,000.00		
	Regular Exhibit Space	\$ 250.00		
	Non-Profit Organization Space	\$ 100.00		
	RC&D Council Space	\$ 50.00		
	Electricity for Booth	\$ 30.00		
	Other Contributions (insert amount)	\$		
Total for Spons	sorship(s) and/or Exhibit Space	\$		
	Amount Enclosed	\$		

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